

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005
3:00 P.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 1:30 P.M. BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

**1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 11, 2005**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated October 11, 2005. Stevens, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Agenda Items for the City-County Common Meeting (November 1, 2005)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Stevens, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

The Chair arrived at 3:36 p.m. and assumed direction of the meeting.

3 EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded to enter Executive Session at 3:42 p.m. for discussion of litigation. Stevens, Schorr, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 4:16 p.m. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4 ACTION ITEMS

A. Agenda Items for Joint Lincoln Public Schools (LPS)/City/County Meeting

None were stated.

B. Banquet Event Agreement with Levy Restaurants at Haymarket Park for Catering of Management Team Retreat

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Heier abstained from voting. Motion carried.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

D. Search for Youth Services Center Director

Heier suggested that the search for a new director begin immediately.

Advertisement of the position was discussed, with suggestions to advertise regionally and in the National Association of County Officials' (NACo's) publication.

Board consensus was to schedule further discussion with Don Taute, Personnel Director, on the October 27, 2005 Staff Meeting agenda.

Schorr exited the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

A. Letter for Nebraska Senators and Representatives Regarding East Beltway Funding (Exhibit A)

Heier noted that he has a conflict of interest on this issue and will abstain from any vote.

There was general consensus to approve the letter after further revision by the Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

B. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Indigent Services Survey

The Board reviewed the survey and made the following changes:

- Respond *Very Satisfied* to the third question (How satisfied are you with the quality of defense this system provides to your county?)
- Add Hudkins as someone who would be willing to discuss the issues in more detail with the research team.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the survey as amended. Heier, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

C. Mobile Dental Services Contract for Lancaster Manor

Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney, noted that the provider does not have general liability coverage.

The Board scheduled the contract on the Tuesday, October 25, 2005 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

D. Search for Youth Services Center Director

Item moved forward on the agenda.

6 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board of Directors - Workman

No report.

B. Board of Health Meeting - Hudkins

Hudkins said discussion focused on the proposed increase to the City's animal impoundment fees.

C. Information Services Policy Committee - Stevens

No report.

D. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring - Stevens

Stevens said the Rural to Urban Roadway Transition Streets Program (RUTS) was discussed.

E. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Hudkins, Workman

Hudkins said change orders related to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department project were approved.

F. District Energy Corporation - Hudkins, Heier

Heier said sale of the "K" Street Building and whether District Energy will be able to continue to service it were discussed. A feasibility study was requested.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Agenda Items for the City-County Common Meeting (November 1, 2005)

None were stated.

NOTE: The Board questioned the need for the meeting and asked that, if the meeting is deemed necessary, the meeting time be rescheduled for 9 a.m.

7 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed the meeting schedule and there was consensus to not hold a Staff Meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2005.

8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Stevens, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk